स्वीकृति हेतु विचारार्थ कितने आवेदन लम्बित थे ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. पी. सिंह देव) : (क) इस समय देश में प्रकाशित विभिन्न भाषाओं में दैनिक, साप्ताहिक, पाक्षिक और मासिक पत्रिकाओं की कुल संख्या 27,690 है।

(ख) 2-4-1993 की स्थिति अनुसार 211 मामले पंजीकरण के लिए और 97 मामले शीर्षकों की मंजूरी के लिए लम्बित थे।

देश में जिला स्तरीय सलाहकार समिति गठित किए जाने हेतु प्रेस परिषद का सुझाव

199. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय प्रेस परिषद ने सरकार को देश भर में जिला स्तरीय सलाहकार समितियों का गठन करने का सुझाव दिया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. पी. सिंह देव) : (क) भारतीय प्रेस परिषद ने सुझाव दिया है कि प्रेस और प्रशासन के बीच की समस्याओं के समाधान के लिए देशभर में जिला स्तर पर परामर्शदात्री समिति होनी चाहिए।

(ख) उक्त सुझाव को राज्य सरकारों/संघ शासित क्षेत्रों द्वारा कार्यान्वित किया जाता है।

Finanace Film Industry

200. DR. SANJAYA SINH ; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased *to* state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently decided against facilitating institutional finance to the film industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) The question of extension of concessional institutional finance to film industry was examined by the Ministry of Finance in consultation with the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The position is that while there is no restriction on the banks granting loan *to* the film related sector, this sector is not a priority sector for the banks. Moreover, because of the uncertainty on the success of a film which depends on several factors, banks generally do not risk in pooling their resources in this sector. This is the case with financial institutions at national and state levels also. Further, these institutions do not have the expertise to evaluate a film project so as to assess the marketability and the returns. However, the IDBI provides financial assistance to the film processing laboratories etc. and for projects of cinema equipment. The units engaged in film related activities are eligible for refinance assistance and are, therefore, eligible for modernisation assistance also.

Promotion of Grade III Officers in Indian Information Service

201. PROF SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleted to state :

(a) whether officers having 16 years' service in Grade III of the Indian Information Service have not been promoted despite adequate number of vacancies:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the period since when the Grade II posts lying vacant;

(d) the date of the last DPC held for promoting Grade III officers to Grade II; and

(e) what action is now being contemplated in processing promotions for these officers and the possible time needed to accomplish the task ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Several Grade III officers of Central Information Service (now Senior Grade of Indian Information Service Group 'B') having long years of service in the grade could not be promoted so far for the reason that the seniority in different grades of the service had to be revised twice since 1987 in compliance with the court judgements;

(c) Vacancies in Grade II of the Service (now lunior Grade of Indian Information Service, Group 'A') pertain to the years 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993;

(d) The last Departmental Promotion Committee for promotion to Grade II was held in June, 1990;

(e) A proposal to fill 10 vacancies in Grade II of the Indian Information Service has been referred to the appropriate body.

Launching of 3rd Doordarshan Channel for entertainment

202. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Doordarshan has since launched its 3rd Channel for entertainment and Cultural Programmes;

(b) if so, the salient features of these. programmes; and

(c) whether it would adequately cover the entire country, if so, how and to what extent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. At present only the programmes of the metro channel of Doordarshan between 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. (films/film based programmes/serials etc.) are being uplinked for reception in all parts of the country (except: Delhi, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta where they are also available terrestrially) through appropriate dish antenna.

Registration of the members of A.T.C.I.

203. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE :
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
DR. BAPU KALDATE :
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chairman and all the non-official members of the A.T.C.I. (Air Time Committee of India) resigned en-block from the committee;

(b) if so, in what circumstances and what reasons were assigned therefor;

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto;

(d) whether Government propose to reconstitute the Committee; and

(e) if so, by when ?